

REMARKS

Claim for Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of the Claim for Priority and receipt of the priority document.

Specification

The specification has been amended in the first paragraph to identify prior applications which have now issued as United States patents.

The specification has also been amended on pages 9 and 10 to amend the descriptive phrase "hole portion" to --spot facing recess portion--. This amendment to the specification is consistent with the amendments to the claims, the structure illustrated in the drawings and the structure as described in the detailed description of the invention.

No new matter has been added by the amendments to the specification.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement in that they recite a "hole portion". The claims have now been amended to delete the phrase "hole portion" and substitute therefor --spot facing recess portion--.

It is submitted that the claims now satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Double Patenting

Claims 9-11 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,746,204 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,224,327.

Being filed concurrently herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to related patent 6,746,204. It is submitted that the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, issue of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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